

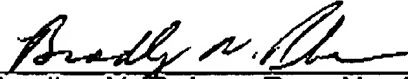
In light of the foregoing amendment to claim 1, it is believed that the prior art rejection is now overcome, and allowance of the claims is warranted.

Petition for Extension of Time and Charges for Additional Claims and RCE

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to 5 June 2002 in order to respond to the Office Action dated 5 December 2001.

Please charge the extension fee, the charges for the additional claims (one independent and six dependent), and the charge for the Request for Continued Examination, to Deposit Account No. 502144.

Respectfully submitted,


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